

# **INCORPORATION OF EXOGENOUS LACTIC BACTERIA INTO THE ORAL MICROFLORA**

## **ABSTRACT**

Compositions for the prophylaxis or treatment of dental caries, dental plaque, and periodontal infection that include lactic bacteria that are not part of the resident microflora of the mouth, that are low acidifying, and that are capable of adhering directly to the pellicle of the teeth. The compositions are used in methods of treating or preventing dental caries, dental plaque, and periodontal infection.

1. A composition for the prophylaxis or treatment of dental caries, dental plaque, and periodontal infection, comprising:  
a. a lactic bacterium that is not part of the resident microflora of the mouth;  
b. a low acidifying agent;  
c. an adhering agent capable of adhering directly to the pellicle of the teeth;  
d. a carrier.